

Racist Kasper Given 6 Mos. In Dixie Trial

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)—A jury of 12 white men convicted John Kasper Saturday of inciting to riot during Nashville school integration disorders here last fall. His sentence was set at six months in the workhouse and \$500 fine.

The jury deliberated two hours and 16 minutes before reaching the verdict.

Seek Full Penalty

Judge Homer Weimar had charged the jury that Kasper or anyone else has a right to make public speeches but must answer for the consequences.

The trial of the 29-year-old improving racist went to the jury at the end of the week-long trail.

State attorneys sought the maximum penalty for a misdemeanor conviction—11 months and 29 days in the county workhouse and a \$1,000 fine.

Paul Bumpus, chief prosecutor, pictured the Camden (N. J.) native as a "serpent of violence and discord who once again is ready to strike."

'Around Snake's Neck'

Concluding an hour-long argument, he told the jurors their hands were "around the snake's neck" and begged them "not to turn this serpent loose on this community and its people."

Raulston Schoolfield, impeached Chattanooga judge who headed the defense, argued there

was no evidence that Kasper ever urged violence or that a riot ever occurred.

The state used 22 witnesses and the defense 33. The courtroom was filled with spectators, including a sprinkling of Negroes, most of the time.

Kasper took the verdict with only a nod of the head.

Judge Weimar set Dec. 5 for hearing of a new trial motion. Bond was continued at \$2,500.

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